ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE 21033YP TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) 10/518955 **CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371** PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PCT/US03/20245 06/27/03 07/3/02 TITLE OF INVENTION AGOUTI-RELATED PROTEIN DEFICIENT CELLS, NON-HUMAN TRANSGENIC ANIMALS AND METHODS OF SELECTING COMPOUNDS WHICH REGULATE ENERGY METABOLISM APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Su Qian, Leonardus H. T. Van Der Ploeg, Howard Y. Chen, Drew T. Weingarth, Myrna E. Trumbauer, Joseph M. Metzger Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures [35 U.S.C. 371(f)]. The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (19) indicated below. The US has been elected (PCT Article 31). A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)] a. I is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. X is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). An English language translation of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]. a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. X have not been made and will not be made. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)]. 10. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)]. Items 11 to 18 below concern other document(s) or information included: 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. A FIRST preliminary amendment. 14. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 15. A substitute specification. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter. Trans. SMAL CEMPICARE 1 - 1.825. DATE OF DEPOSIT Lbcember 17, 2004 18. Other items or information: DYPRESS MAIL NO. EV 323153484 THEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS

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